



General Assembly

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***Raised Bill No. 6596***

LCO No. 3841

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Referred to Committee on Planning and Development

Introduced by:  
(PD)

***AN ACT CONCERNING NOTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS FOR  
HALFWAY HOUSES.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1       Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2009*) When an application,  
2       petition, request or plan is filed with the zoning commission, planning  
3       and zoning commission or zoning board of appeals of any  
4       municipality, and such application, request or plan is for a proposed  
5       public or private halfway house, group home, mental health facility or  
6       approved community residence, including, but not limited to, any  
7       facility under contract or established pursuant to chapter 319b, 319i or  
8       319j of the general statutes, the commission or board shall notify the  
9       chief of police, fire chief and chief elected official of such municipality  
10      of the proposed location of such facility.

11      Sec. 2. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) The Office of Policy and  
12      Management shall, within available appropriations and in consultation  
13      with the Department of Social Services, the Department of Correction  
14      and the Department of Information and Technology, establish a state-  
15      wide electronic database of all public or private halfway houses, group  
16      homes, mental health facilities and approved community residences.

- 17 Such database shall be available to the public on the Internet and shall  
18 identify (1) the municipality in which each such facility is located, (2)  
19 the number of residents and full-time equivalent staff in each such  
20 facility, and (3) each such facility's source or sources of funding.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2009</i>	New section
Sec. 2	<i>from passage</i>	New section

***Statement of Purpose:***

To require municipal land use commissions and boards to provide notice to the chief of police, fire chief and chief elected official of any application for a proposed public or private halfway house, group home, mental health facility or approved community residence, and to establish a state-wide database of such facilities.

*[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]*